

# HOUSE BILL 1353

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Veterans Affairs – Military Health Care Provider Transition Plan**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a Military  
4 Health Care Provider Transition Plan; providing for the purpose of the Plan;  
5 requiring the Department to work in conjunction with certain entities; requiring  
6 the Plan to include certain goals; requiring the Department to address the  
7 concerns and recommendations identified in a certain report; requiring the  
8 Department to complete the Plan by a certain date; requiring the Department to  
9 submit to the Governor and General Assembly a certain report; and generally  
10 relating to the Military Health Care Provider Transition Plan.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall develop a Military Health Care  
14 Provider Transition Plan.

15 (b) The purpose of the Plan is to increase the number of veterans, including  
16 former members of the Reserve forces and National Guard, with expertise in health  
17 care workforce shortage areas to transition into civilian health care provider positions.

18 (c) The Department shall work in conjunction with the following:

- 19 (1) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- 20 (2) the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- 21 (3) the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; and
- 22 (4) the Governor's Workforce Investment Board.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) The Plan shall include specific goals for the recruitment of qualified  
2 individuals in each of the health care workforce shortage areas, including:

3 (1) the specific professional or technical workforce shortage areas to be  
4 targeted; and

5 (2) the number of qualified individuals needed for each workforce  
6 shortage area.

7 (e) The Department shall address the concerns and recommendations  
8 identified in the Report of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as required  
9 under Chapter 441 of the Acts of 2007, Identifying and Breaking Down Barriers:  
10 Easing the Transition from Active Duty to Civilian Health Care Provider, including  
11 consideration of:

12 (1) removing barriers to licensure or certification of qualified  
13 individuals, including facilitating employment of individuals by:

14 (i) providing a temporary limited license;

15 (ii) providing registration of unlicensed personnel working  
16 under supervision;

17 (iii) enhancing educational opportunities for qualifying  
18 individuals; or

19 (iv) any other appropriate means;

20 (2) facilitating housing incentives for qualified individuals who work  
21 in the civilian health care sector;

22 (3) providing tax incentives for qualified individuals to remain in or  
23 relocate to Maryland; and

24 (4) developing a network of employment opportunities.

25 (f) The Department shall complete the Plan on or before December 1, 2010.

26 (g) On or before January 1, 2011, the Department shall report its findings  
27 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
28 Government Article, the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2010.